

# Memo

**To:** Board of Managers  
**From:** Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations *MY*  
**CC:** Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager  
**Date:** 4/4/13  
**Re:** Update on Capital and Infrastructure Upgrade Projects

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Below please find an update on the various capital and infrastructure upgrade projects currently in-process and in the planning stage:

## **Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Pedestrian Signal Request:**

- SHA is in the process of reviewing its second traffic count study for the corridor in addition to the Chevy Chase Circle.
- I expect to receive a copy of the study and preliminary recommendations by the Board's Annual Meeting on April 15.
- I will update the Board according when any new details become available.

## **Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Repaving (SHA):**

- No updates since last month's report.

## **Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Sidewalk Replacements:**

- As part of the federal "accessible routes to mass transit" grant, SHA will be replacing four (4) additional blocks of sidewalk on Connecticut Avenue.
- They include:
  - North bound:
    - Between Quincy Street and Bradley Lane
    - Between Oxford Street and Primrose Street
  - South bound:
    - Between West Lenox Street and West Kirke Street (Outer sidewalk in front of the Village Hall)

- Outer sidewalk between West Irving Street and the Chevy Chase Circle (the interior sidewalk as already been replaced)
- Work is scheduled to begin within the next month and will last an estimated 4 weeks.
- Past quality control issues observed following SHA's previous replacements have been resolved and this phase of work will be completed by a different contractor that regularly installs brick sidewalks.
- The sidewalks will be replaced using the same brick and installation method the Village uses as part of our sidewalk replacements.
- SHA's replacement of the brick sections has saved the Village approximately \$185,000 in replacement costs.

#### **Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Tree Planting:**

- After several meetings and discussions with staff at SHA's Office of Environmental Design, they have recommended approval of the majority of the tree planting sites we have proposed for along Connecticut Avenue.
- The approval will be contingent upon the Village entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the maintenance of the newly planted trees and that the trees are not planted any closer than three (3) feet from the back edge of the curb.
- Three (3) feet is the minimum offset from a roadway that is allowed under American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards.
- The Village originally requested to plant a total of 105 trees, however there will be around 20 trees that SHA will not allow regardless of an MOU due to spacing, sight distance and proximity to the roadway.
- I expect to finalize draft MOU language in time for Board review and approval at the May Regular meeting.
- Planting of some sites that have an offset greater than six (6) feet from the curb will be allowed to proceed this spring before the MOU is executed.

#### **PEPCO:**

- **Wiring/Infrastructure Upgrades:**
  - No updates since last month's report.
- **Street Light Upgrades:**
  - No updates since last month's report.

#### **Village Sidewalk Replacements:**

- Compliments Received: 2
- Complaints Received: 0
- Contract crews have completed work along the entire length of Cedar Parkway.

- Crews are now working along West Lenox Street. Weather permitting work along West Lenox Street is scheduled to be completed by April 19.
- After West Lenox Street, the crews will begin work on the last scheduled section of sidewalk, West Irving Street, this fiscal year.

#### **Washington Gas:**

- **Gas Main Replacements:**

- No updates since last month's report.

#### **Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk (SHA):**

- No updates since last month's report.

#### **WSSC:**

- **Water Main Replacements/Relocations:**

- No updates since last month's report.

- **Sewer Main Rehabilitation:**

- **Connecticut Avenue:**

- WSSC has re-surveyed the sewer line that runs under Connecticut Avenue (between West Lenox and West Kirke Streets) to evaluate the likelihood of replacing it through non-invasive means.
- WSSC engineers are currently reviewing the survey; I expect a decision by the Board's Monday evening meeting.
- If non-invasive replacement is not possible, WSSC's contractor will proceed with open-cut replacement.
- Due to the impact the majority of the work SHA will require the work be performed at work.
- WSSC anticipates construction to last between 4-6 weeks, primarily due to SHA time restrictions for work.
- There should be no effect to the Village Hall for scheduled events.

- **Interior to the Village:**

- WSSC has submitted a comprehensive application for its proposed sewer replacement/upgrade work, which I am currently reviewing.
- Since this work is only affecting individual homes in the Village, WSSC will be sending notice directly to those affected.
- Should anything stand out as part of the proposed work, I will update the Board accordingly.